

REMARKS

SUMMARY

Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-34 are now in the application. Claims 16-34 have been added, but are based in substantial part upon the originally filed claims 1-15. Claims 1-15 have been canceled.

A substitute specification is provided to help place the application in proper idiomatic English, to provide required and suggested headings (e.g., Background, Technical Field, Summary, etc.) in proper context, and to apply other general application components for national stage U.S. applications.

The above-noted changes to the specification and claims are provided solely for clarification or cosmetic reasons. For example, in some cases the text has been changed to place the application in proper idiomatic English and/or to clarify the invention as it would be understood by one of skill in the art reading the original German application. The changes are neither provided to overcome the prior art, nor do they narrow the scope of the claim for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

Please note that the application claims priority to German Application No.10 2004 005 831.8, filed February 6, 2004, the international priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119, which is the national stage entry of International Application No. PCT/DE2005/000153, filed February 1, 2005, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

No new matter is believed to be introduced by the amendments to either the claims or the specification.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, consideration and allowance of claims 16-34 is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1509. If any fees are due in connection with filing this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, P.C., No. 50-0393.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings as detailed in the attached "Replacement Sheet" of changes to **Figure 5**. This sheet, which includes **Figures 5-7**, replaces the original sheet including **Figures 5-7**. In **Figure 5**, previously omitted elements **R1** and **R2** were added. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet